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PAPER-TYPE PLASTIC FILM

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Sir:

Applicants herewith submit to the United States Elected Office (EO/IS) the following items:

- (1) This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 USC § 371 (f), or alternatively, examination under 35 USC § 111(a) under the circumstances set forth in the attached letter.
- (2) A copy of the published international application: one (1) page cover page, twenty four (24) pages of specification, two (2) pages of claims, and a three (3) page International Search Report.

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- A copy of the English language translation of the application: twenty three (3) (23) pages of specification, two (2) pages of claims, and a one (1) page Abstract.
- A three (3) page executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. **(4)**
- A copy of the four (4) page Request form. (5) The English language translation of the Request form will be filed by the appropriate deadline under 37 CFR § 1.495(c)(2) with the surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.492(e).
- A First Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to calculation of the filing (6) fees.
- Our check in the amount of \$890.00 covering the basic national fee as set **(7)** forth in 37 CFR § 1.492(a)(5). (One (1) claim in total; one (1) independent; and no multiple dependent).
- A Second Preliminary Amendment (nineteen (19) total claims; one (1) (8) independent, and no multiple dependent).

Copies of the following miscellaneous items are also enclosed:

The six (6) page International Preliminary Examination Report. (9)

Please charge any additional fees which may be required to effect entry into the National Phase and credit any overpayment to our deposit account 08-3040.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER

Sir:

On January 14, 2002, Applicants filed a 35 USC § 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/06614 by express mail. Applicants included copies of the Transmittal Letter, Request, International Preliminary Examination Report, Preliminary Amendment A, Preliminary Amendment B, and Declaration/Power of Attorney. Applicants however inadvertently omitted the international application as published in the German language and instead filed and incorrectly identified the English translation of the same as the published document.

Pursuant to a suggestion received from the PCT legal branch, Applicants are hereby refiling the 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/06614 by express mail in the event that the 371 filed on January 14, 2002 is found defective. The necessary papers are forwarded herewith. These papers include the published International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/06614 in the German language, an English translation of the same, Transmittal Letter, Request, International Preliminary Examination Report, Preliminary Amendment A, Preliminary Amendment B, and Declaration/Power of Attorney. These documents are being timely filed within the 30 month deadline, i.e., January 15, 2002, for entering national phase in the United States.

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Should the prior application be judged to meet all requirements of 371, Applicants understand that the present filing will not be considered a national phase filing. In this circumstance, we request that the application be converted to a filing under 35 USC § 111(a). However, should the previous application be considered deficient under the provisions of 371, Applicants request that the present application be considered the timely filed 371 application.

The undersigned invites the US Patent and Trademark Office Elected Office to telephone in order to clarify any questions regarding this matter.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees to our Deposit Account Number 08-3040.

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